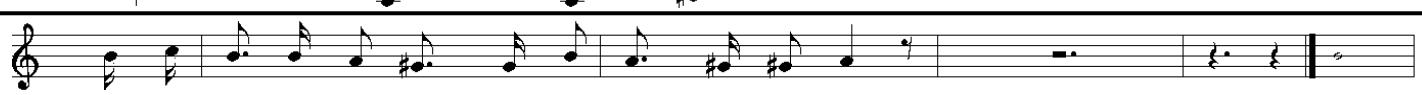




1. Three Kings came ri - ding from far a - way, Mel - chi - or and Gas - par and Bal - ta - sar



Three Wise Men out of the East were they And they tra - velled by night and they slept by day,



For their guide was a beau - ti - ful, won - der - ful star. 8----- (Tacet)-----



2. The star was so beau - ti - ful, large and clear, that all the o - ther stars of the sky



Be - came a white mist in the at - mo-sphere and by this they knew that the co - ming was near



of the Prince fore - told in the pro - phe - cy. 8----- (Tacet)-----





3. Three cas - kets they bore on their sad - dle-bows, three cas - kets of gold with gol - den keys;

Their robes were of crim - son silk with rows of bells, po - me - gra - nates and fur - be - lows

Their tur - bans like blos - som- ming al - mond trees. 8----- (Tacit)

4. And so the three Kings rode in - to the West thru the dusk of the night o - ver hill and dell

And some-times they nod - ded with beard on breast, and some- times talk'd as they paused to rest

With the peo - ple they met at some way - side well. 8----- (Tacit)



5. "Of the child that is born," said Bal - tha - sar, "Good peo - ple, I pray you, tell us the news"



"For we in the East have seen His star, and have rid - den fast and have rid - den far



to find and wor - ship the King of the Jews." 8----- (Tacet)



6. And the peo - ple an-swered, "You ask in vain; we know of no King but Her - od the Great!"



They thought the Wise Men were men in - sane, as they spurred their hor - ses a - cross the plain,



Like ri - ders in haste__, who can__ - not wait 8----- (Tacet)





7. And when they came to Jer - u - sa - lem, (---) He - rod the Great who had heard this thing,



Sent for the Wise Men and ques-tioned them; and said, "Go down un - to Beth - le - hem,



And bring me ti - dings of this new king." 8----- (Tacit)



8. So they rode a - way and the star stood still, the on - ly one in the grey of morn;



Yes, it stopped it stood still of its own free will, right o - ver Beth - le - hem on the hill,



The ci - ty of Da - vid, where Christ was born. 8----- (Tacit)





9. And the Three Kings rode thru the gate and the guard, Thru the si - lent street, till their hor- ses turned



And neighed as they en - tered the great inn yard, but the win-dows were closed and the doors were barred,



And on - ly a light in the sta____ - ble burned. 8----- (Tacet)



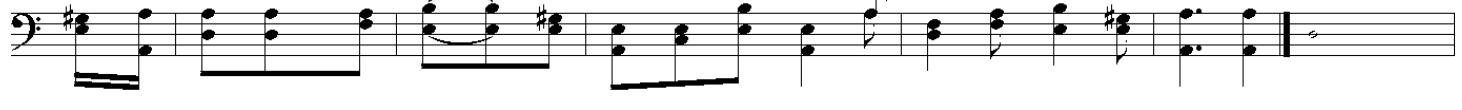
10. And cra - dled there in the scen - ted hay in the air made sweet by the breath of kine,



The li - ttle child in the man - ger lay, the child that would be King one day,



Of a king - dom not hu____ - man, but ____ di - vine. 8----- (Tacet)

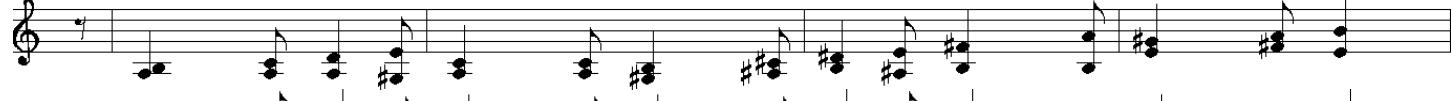




11. His mo - ther Ma - ry of Na - za - reth sat watch- ing be - side His place of rest,



(--) Wat- ching the e - ven flow of His breath for the joy of life and the ter - or of death,



Were min - gled to - ge - ther in her breast. 8----- (Tacit) -----



12. They laid their of - fer - ings at his feet: The gold was their tri - bute to a King



The frank - in - cense with its o - dor sweet was for the Priest the Pa - ra - clete.

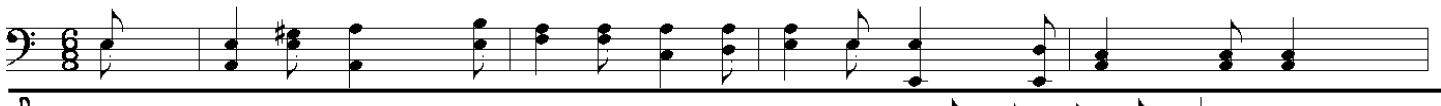


The myrrh for the bo - dy's bu - ry - ing. 8----- (Tacit) -----





13. And the mo - ther won- dered and bowed her head, and sat as still as a sta - tue of stone,



Her heart was trou- bled yet com - for - ted, Re - mem - be - ring what the An - gel had said,



Of an end - less reign and of Da____ - vid's throne. 8----- (Tacet) -----



14. Then the Kings rode out of the ci - ty gate with a clat - ter of hoofs in proud ar - ray



But they went not back to He - rod the Great for they knew his ma - lice and feared his hate,



And re - turned to their homes by a - no____ - ther way. 8----- (Tacet) -----

